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Dear Sir:

Applicant thanks the examiner for the phone interview on January 8, 2007, regarding the above subject application. Also, thank you for voice mail exchanges on January 10th and 11th regarding whether this amendment needs to be filed as an RCE. Per your voicemail on the 11th, I understand that it should be filed as an after-final amendment, and prosecution thus reopened.

Attached is an Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR § 1.111, the substance of which was originally filed August 17, 2006. In the January 8 interview it was determined that the original August 17, 2006 Amendment was never received by Examiner. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Forms PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statements dated October 24, 2001, February 5, 2002, November 12, 2002, December 31, 2002 and February 11, 2004 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

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